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HELD ENTHUSIASTIC LOCAL OPTION MEETING

At Hartford, last Saturday.
250 Present. Whole
County Represented.

HORACE M. OLNEY CHAIRMAN

Gave Reasons for Keeping Saloons out.
Said There Were No Good
Saloons.

What was probably the largest and most enthusiastic local option mass meeting ever held in Van Buren county was held at Hartford last Friday. There were at least 250 people there, and every township in the county except Hamilton was represented.

O. W. Rowland, chairman of the county local option committee, called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock and gave a short address which was well received. He briefly reviewed the action of the board of supervisors, court and prosecuting attorney, which have been criticized to some extent by the "wet" forces of the county. The question, he said, which was before the board still remains unsettled. He stated that for many years Van Buren county has been the only "white spot on the map" and that it should remain the leading county in the state in the enforcement of the local option law. But one warrant has been issued by him as county magistrate during the past three months. Mr. Rowland threw a few bouquets to Hartford and called H. M. Olney to the chair as president of the day.

Mr. Olney prefaced his remarks by asking anyone in the audience who knew of anyone who had died, gone crazy or committed murder in Van Buren county in the last 20 years for the want of liquor to rise. Strange to say, no one arose. Mr. Olney then stated that in some of our sister counties murders had been committed on account of liquor. He also said that he was eager to show the "wet" forces that in the previous

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UNION LOCAL OP- TION MEETING

At Opera House Each Sunday Night
Until After Election. First
Meeting Last Sunday.

The first union meeting of all the churches at the opera house last Sunday night brought out a goodly crowd in the interest of local option and temperance. The meeting opened by singing several rousing songs to the old war tunes. Prayer was offered by Rev. I. P. Bates. Mrs. Olivia Woodman was called upon to speak and without notice gave the crowd some good sound advice, as she always does on similar occasions. Rev. Hong of St. Joseph was the speaker of the evening, and he told of the hard fight in Calhoun county last year and how the "drys" won. He urged the voters most seriously to get out and vote on the question. He gave a strong talk and was frequently applauded.

The next meeting will be held next Sunday night at the opera house at 7 o'clock, with local speakers doing the talking.

AUCTION AT FRANK BURNS.

Bills printed at The True Northerner office advertise an auction sale at the Frank Burns place one mile east of Alma and 100 rods north of the Palmer school house, on Tuesday, March 22. Several horses will be sold and a general line of farming tools and implements.

LIKE PAW PAW HORSES.

Paw Paw horses are finding ready market in the city of Kalamazoo. Last week Charley Morrison sold a fine span of gray horses to the fire department of that city, and on Wednesday of this week, Chief of Police Allen and Patrolman Stearns were over here looking for a suitable animal for their patrol wagon. They purchased the fine chestnut horse of Michael Heffron.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING.

The regular business and literary meeting of the Epworth League will be held Saturday evening, March 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buckley. Every member is urged to be present as some very important business is to be transacted.

BUSINESS MEN WILL TALK.

A union local option meeting will be held at the Longwell opera house next Sunday evening. The time will be principally occupied by Paw Paw business men. Everybody come and hear what they have to offer.

LAST NUMBER WAS THE BEST

Chicago Glee Club Closed Lecture
Course. One of the Best Entertain-
ments Ever Given in Paw Paw.

The Chicago Glee Club filled the last number on the Fellowship club lecture course at the opera house last Monday evening. This was a case where the best was reserved until the last. The entertainment was one of the best, if not the superior of any one of its kind ever put on in Paw Paw. The singing of the male quartet was magnificent. Every member is an artist and their voices blended in perfect harmony. The instrumental numbers were also enjoyed, as were the impersonations of Mr. Dixon. The large audience was delighted with the program, and showed its appreciation by insisting upon an encore for every number.

This lecture course this winter as a whole has been satisfactory. There was not a poor number during the entire course, and while perhaps the course was not as great a success financially as some have been in the past the club is to be congratulated upon the excellence of its course, and in providing such a high class of entertainment for the citizens of Paw Paw.

RESIGNS POSITION AS PROBATE CLERK.

Mrs. Ritchie Fuller is Succeeded in
Judge Anderson's Court by Miss
Margaret Southworth.

Mrs. Ritchie Fuller has severed her connection as clerk of the probate court. She has held this position for the past six years, taking up the work when Judge Anderson became judge of the probate court. Mrs. Fuller is a very competent clerk and has always held positions of trust which she has filled with credit to herself and honor to her employers. After years of clerical and stenographic work, she feels that she needs a rest and has, therefore, decided to hand the reins over to some one else. She will be succeeded by Miss Margaret Southworth who, for the past two years has held the position of law clerk for the firm of Williams & Lewis of Battle Creek. Miss Southworth is very competent to hold this position and will make a good clerk for the probate office. The True Northerner wishes her success.

REAL ESTATE BOOM COMING

Much Property is Changing Hands.
People from Away Attracted by
Advantages of Paw Paw.

The Paw Paw real estate agencies have been busy the past week. Decker & Bailey report the following real estate transfers:

The Cavanaugh place of 58 acres south east of Paw Paw to C. G. Green of Chicago; consideration \$5,000.

The Charley Showman farm near Gobleville to Oscar Hosmer of Mattawan; consideration \$3,500.

The Mrs. Will Snow village property to Jerome C. Warner; consideration \$1100.

Downing & Flook report the following transfers in real estate since the first of the month:

Dr. Ferguson's lake property lying east of Allegan road to S. O. Kenyon.

E. G. Thayer's grove on the west side of Maple Lake to Marcus McEachron and Mrs. Flook.

Frankie Nelson lot on Main street to Chas. Gould.

D. W. Sutton's 40 acre farm to Chas. Galligan, who also buys a portion of the old Long farm adjoining.

The Sablin property on Main street and the lake to Mrs. Flook.

W. L. Miller's house and lots to J. H. Felter, Mr. Miller taking the latter's 40 acres south of town.

C. F. Butler lake shore property north of Maple Lake to W. J. Hutchison of Chicago.

These agencies have several more deals which will probably be closed within a few days. Prospects were never better than they are at this time for a good healthy real estate boom in Paw Paw and vicinity. Many outside parties are attracted by the beautiful country and flattering prospects in the grape culture. Those who have bought here are with few exceptions well pleased with the place and have advised their friends from away to buy in Paw Paw. Maple Lake is another added attraction, and if all signs do not fail Paw Paw will soon boom as never before.

SOLD \$500.00 TEAM.

Charley Morrison sold and delivered his fine span of gray horses to the Kalamazoo fire department last week. The span weighed about 2900 pounds and sold for \$500.00.

R. O. BAILEY



Photograph by Clinebaker, Washington, D. C.

Secretary to Secretary of the Treasury

PROCLAMATION OF PRESIDENT WILL RENDER AN EASTER CANTATA

People Must Answer Questions of
Census Enumerators Correctly
and Fully, says the President.

Whereas, by the Act of Congress approved July 2, 1909, the Thirteenth Decennial Census of the United States is to be taken, beginning on the fifteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and ten;

Whereas, a correct enumeration of the population every ten years is required by the Constitution of the United States for the purpose of determining the representation of the several States in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, it is of the utmost importance to the interests of all of the people of the United States that this census should be a complete and accurate report of the population and resources of the country;

Now, therefore, I, WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and make known that, under the act aforesaid, it is the duty of every person to answer all questions on the census schedule applying to him and the family to which he belongs, and to the farm occupied by him or his family, and that any adult refusing to do so is subject to penalty.

The sole purpose of the census is to secure general statistical information regarding the population and resources of the country, and replies are required from individuals only in order to permit the compilation of such general statistics. The census has nothing to do with taxation, with army or jury service, with the compilation of school attendance, with the regulation of immigration, or with the enforcement of any national, state or local law or ordinance, nor can any person be harmed in any way by furnishing the information required. There need be no fear that any disclosure will be made regarding any individual person or his affairs. For the due protection of the rights and interests of the person furnishing information every employee of the Census Bureau is prohibited, under heavy penalty, from disclosing any information which may thus come to his knowledge.

I therefore earnestly urge upon all persons to answer promptly, completely, and accurately all inquiries addressed to them by enumerators or other employees of the Census Bureau, and thereby to contribute their share toward making this great and necessary public undertaking a success.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this thirteenth day of March, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-fourth.

[REAL.] WM. H. TAFT.

By the President:

P. C. KNOX,
Secretary of State.

DEATH OF E. F. BILSBORROW

Was Shock to the Community. Ill but
Short Time and End Came Unex-
pectedly. Funeral Sunday.

The news of E. F. Bilsborrow's death on Thursday morning was a shock to the community. He had been in ill health for about a year, but had been confined to the bed for only about two weeks. His son Frank of St. Louis came to see him this week and left for his home on Wednesday, thinking his father much better and in no danger. Heart trouble was the immediate cause of death.

Mr. Bilsborrow was born in New York state and was 58 years of age at the time of his death. He had lived on the farm where he died for the past 40 years. He was a splendid man, who had the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends.

He leaves, besides a large circle of sympathizing friends, a widow, two sons, Frank of St. Louis and Charley of Paw Paw, one sister, Mrs. E. G. Thayer of this place, and two brothers, Fred of Paw Paw and George of Albion.

The funeral will be held from the late residence on Sunday at 2 p. m., Rev. E. H. Harvey and Mrs. Olivia J. C. Woodman officiating. Interment will be at Prospect cemetery.

POPULAR READER WILL GIVE PLAY

Miss Ruth Hemenway will Read
Zangwill's "The Melting Pot"
Wednesday Evening, March 30.

Miss Ruth Hemenway, who has several times delighted the Paw Paw people with her dramatic readings, will appear here again at the opera house on Wednesday evening, March 30.

Miss Hemenway will give the entire play, "The Melting Pot." This play was written by the famous play-wright, Israel Zangwill and is being presented to the public by the talented actor Walker Whiteside. Miss Hemenway has made a thorough study of the play, and this fact with the further fact that she has been with Mr. Whiteside during many of his performances and has had an excellent opportunity to observe the great actor and his methods, make her particularly proficient in delineating the various characters of the now, "the most popular play in America."

All who enjoy dramatic and literary talent should hear Miss Hemenway. Don't forget the date. Wednesday evening, March 30.

LOCAL OPTION MEETINGS

Dates and Speakers for Coming Meet-
ings. Dry Forces are Not Leav-
ing Single Stone Unturned.

Judge Anderson and O. W. Rowland at Grange hall, Hamilton, Sunday, March 20, at 2:30 p. m. East Arlington church Sunday evening, March 20.

Mrs. O. J. C. Woodman, South Haven, Sunday evening, March 20.

County Clerk Mosier, Steeple school house, March 22. Antwerp township, Thursday evening.

Judge Anderson and Prosecuting At-
torney Warner, Porter town hall, Wed-
nesday evening, March 23.

W. A. Prater and V. R. Hungerford, Decatur, Saturday evening, March 19.

FINE SOCIAL SESSION.

One of the finest social sessions of the year was held at the Maple City club room last Friday evening. Salomon's orchestra of Kalamazoo furnished delightful music. A concert preceded the dancing. Their music as usual was of a fine class. Refreshments were served by the committee and the evening will be remembered as one of the delightful social events of the year in the Maple City club.

MARQUIS EATON HAPPY.

A letter from Marquis Eaton of Chicago to Paw Paw friends states that he is happy to advise them that a fine boy was born at his home on Wednesday evening, March 9, and that mother and baby are doing splendidly. The young man's name is Norman Bridge Eaton. The True Northerner joins Mr. Eaton's friends in congratulations on the advent of the son.

HAS MANY FRIENDS HERE.

Mr. Hogan of Chicago, who spends his summer at his country home, "Rosedale," Reynolds' lake, spent last Sunday in Paw Paw, the guest of Fred Kimball. Mr. Hogan has many friends here.

Scaled Bids Wanted.

The ladies of the Coterie have decided to sell their club house and advertise for sealed bids on the same, which will be received at the home of Mrs. Clara A. Rennie, Paw Paw, Mich., any time during the month of March. Bids will be received on the building alone or on both the building and lot. The Coterie reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

ON THEIR WAY HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Harrison are guests of Paw Paw relatives and friends for a few days. They are enroute to their home in Petoskey, after a five weeks' sojourn in California.

VILLAGE ELECTION WAS VERY QUIET

No Fight on any Part of
Ticket and only 272
Votes Cast.

ONLY EIGHT WOMEN VOTED

Not Much Enthusiasm Shown by Fair
Sex. Both Franchises Carried
Without Any Opposition.

Last Monday saw one of the quietest elections ever held in the village of Paw Paw. There was no particular strife on any part of the ticket, and no effort was made by either the republican or citizens' committee to get the vote out. As a result the lightest vote was polled that has been recorded in years.

The entire republican ticket was elected with the exception of clerk and treasurer. William Mason for clerk on the citizens' ticket had no opposition and received 130 votes. William Killefer for treasurer on the same ticket was elected by a majority of 62, he receiving 160 votes and W. V. Hall, nominee on the republican ticket, had no opposition and received 174 votes. Likewise with Jerome C. Warner for assessor, who received 164 votes.

The vote on trustees was as follows:
Republican—I. A. Whitman 131, Fred R. Bassett 127, Wm. C. Flook 125.

Citizens—Charles Lake 113, Dwight G. Watson 111, Charles A. Norwood 106. As was anticipated there was practically no opposition to the electric franchise. The vote on the Plumb franchise was 261 "Yes," 5 "No," and on the Downer franchise 265 "Yes," 3 "No."

The whole number of votes polled at the election was 272. It was something of a surprise that so small a number of women availed themselves of the opportunity to vote. There were 21 women registered, and only eight of this number could get up the courage to go to the polls. Mrs. Mary V. Murdoch has the honor of being the first woman in Paw Paw to cast a ballot at the polls in a public election. Mrs. Clara V. Rennie was the second.

CLUB TOOK TRIP THROUGH LONDON

Fellowship Club met at Home of W. J.
Warner. Dr. Hoyt gave Address
on London, Mexico Next.

The regular meeting of the Fellowship club was held at the home of W. J. Warner last Wednesday evening. The Warner brothers had the evening's program in charge, and it was one of the best meetings of the year. In fact, all the meetings are fine.

The male quartet rendered several selections in their usual excellent manner; after which Dr. W. F. Hoyt took the audience to London for a half hour's visit. The doctor has been to London twice, and knows London like a book. His talk was both interesting and instructive.

C. W. Reynolds read a paper on St. Patrick. It is a safe guess that every member of the club knows some things about the patron saint that they never heard of before.

Refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned to meet at the home of Bert Breed on Wednesday, March 23.

George W. Merriman of Hartford will be with the club on that occasion and take the members for a trip through Mexico and Yucatan.

PAW PAW TO BE THEIR HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Crandall and son Russell arrived in Paw Paw a short time ago and intend to make this their future home. Mr. Crandall has accepted a position with the Free & Morrison Lumber Co. They are now living in rooms in the house owned by Mrs. Quick on Oak street. These are only temporary quarters however, as they expect to build a house for their occupancy early in the spring. Mr. Crandall is a brother of Mrs. W. H. Hall of this place.

DEATH OF FANNIE B. TAYLOR.

Mrs. Fannie B. Taylor, one of the old residents of Paw Paw died at her home here last Sunday aged 75 years. She was born in New York state on September 5, 1834, and has made this place her home for many years. Pneumonia was the cause of death.

The funeral was held from the Baptist church on Wednesday, Rev. C. L. Owen and Rev. I. P. Bates officiating. Interment in the Bangs cemetery.

Deceased leaves five children and a large circle of friends to mourn her death.